

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to an embodiment of the present invention, both end parts of the feed screw are supported through the shaft ~~the~~ bushes and the cushioning members movably in the axial direction thereof, and therefore, an inertia force of the feed screw after the movable member moved by the feed screw has collided against the stopper is absorbed by the movement of the feed screw in the axial direction. Accordingly, the impact at the drive end can be softened.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The plurality of partial light fluxes of the polarized light s outgoing from the polarization converting element 44 are condensed by a condensing lens 46, and after that, they are totally reflected by the reflection mirror 44 48 to go out to the color light separating system 18. By the illumination system 16 constructed like this, three liquid crystal panels 30, 32, 34 for R, G, B are illuminated with an approximately uniform brightness.--